

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

July 1, 1999 – September 30, 1999

WRC-TV attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material which treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by WRC-TV station. WRC recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests.

The following is a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period July 1, 1999 – September 30, 1999, including the title of such program, its time, type, source, date and duration of broadcast.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE-THIRTY AND NINE AM, FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND ELEVEN PM.
TYPE: News Series SOURCE: Local TIME: 5:30-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-7:00PM, 11:00-11:30PM, Monday – Friday; 6:00-6:30PM, Saturday and Sunday.
NEWS 4 TODAY. TYPE: News SOURCE: Local TIMES: Weekdays, 5:30-7:00AM, Saturdays, 6:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, Sundays, 6:00AM-8:00AM, and 9:00AM-10:30AM. (News 4 on Sunday was expanded to 10:30AM as of Sunday, August 6, 1995.) DURATION: See Times. WRC-TV reporters probe special issues of concern to area residents. **Stories generally appear more than once in the daily newscasts, as they are recapped throughout the day.** WRC-TV initiated, in December 1992, active closed captioning of its news broadcasts. Currently, all regularly scheduled news programs thirty minutes or longer are closed captioned. Also, special news events sometimes are closed captioned, depending on the availability of the transcription service. The word for word transcription service includes chitchat between stories at two hundred plus words per minute, with less than a three-second delay. This effort addresses the needs of more than 300,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in the Washington area.

THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV studios) TIME: Saturdays, 7:30-8:00PM, Repeated Sundays, 11:30AM. DURATION: thirty Minutes. This public affairs panel, anchored by John McLaughlin, features discussion and analysis of current national and world events by five candid and respected Washington commentators.

ONE ON ONE. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV) TIME: Sundays, 12:00 DURATION: Thirty Minutes. Host John McLaughlin interviews a prominent political or world leader each week on selected newsworthy issues.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 6:15-6:30AM. DURATION: Fifteen Minutes. This reporter roundtable, which premiered on October 4, 1992, features discussion of public affairs issues by leading area journalists. The program is part of News 4 Today and usually is hosted by WRC-TV reporter Tom Sherwood. He is joined by journalist Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; and Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM.

VIEWPOINT. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 7:00-7:30AM.
DURATION: Thirty Minutes. WRC-TV's Joe Krebs hosts this weekly exploration of issues and people impacting the community. The program is part of the two hour News 4 Today news block on Sundays from 6:00-8:00AM. It premiered on November 15, 1992.

I. TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN and FAMILY

Many children in the Washington effort suffer from being denied the opportunity to grow up in a stable home with parents who can care for them emotionally and financially. WRC-TV helps these children directly through its Wednesday's Child project, described below. The station also broadcasts other news stories on the issue of adoption, some of which are described below.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE PM. – WEDNESDAY'S CHILD. WRC-TV's Barbara Harrison, on selected Wednesdays, features a child or children who need a home, or celebrates a happy ending to an adoption story. In September, Barbara Harrison, with the Council of Governments, launched a program through which viewers may dial a phone number and find out more about adopting a child through any jurisdiction in our viewing area. Some of the stories are repeated on News 4 Sundays at nine AM. Some of the dates in which Wednesday's Child ran were:

July (7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28)

August (8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25)

September (9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29)

NEWS 4 July 2- Columbine High School shooting victim Patrick Ireland is home from the hospital today

NEWS 4 July 5- report on kids and self-esteem

NEWS 4 July 5 – Vice President Al Gore is a grandfather – baby was born on the 4th of July

NEWS 4 July 6- news coverage of Camp 4 Kids campaign

NEWS 4 July 7 – Rock and Roll camp for kids opened in Alexandria

NEWS 4 July 16 – President Clinton was in Iowa talking about his plan for refurbishing schools and hiring more teachers in Des Moines

NEWS 4 July 19 – a group of 40 youngsters at Arlington's Long Branch Elementary are taking part in a space camp

NEWS 4 July 20 – Boston Globetrotters held a dribbling marathon downtown DC; they'll host a summer youth basketball camp at the Capital YMCA from August 2nd through the 6th.

NEWS 4 July 21- children of all ages participated this weekend in the annual U.S. Open Sand Castle competition

VIEWPOINT

July 25, 1999 - Guests: Mary Beach, Lynn Brantley, and Alan Crane discuss the summer school feeding programs.

NEWS 4 July 25 – couple from Camp Springs, MD, was chosen as one of 50 couples from around the country as recipients of the Parents of the Year award

NEWS 4 July 26 – report on the area's first daycare to let parents have access to their children through the Internet

NEWS 4 July 26 – a cleaning solution forced the evacuation of a NW school today

NEWS 4 July 26 – implementation of Mentor 2000 program

VIEWPOINT

August 1, 1999 - Guest: Mary Slander discusses a privately funded, non- profit organization that is promoting children's literacy and love of learning through shared reading experiences with caring adults called Everybody Wins!.

NEWS 4 August 15 – hundreds of children with disabilities participated on the Easter Seals cruise for kids, which helps to build confidence and learning skills

NEWS 4 August 19 – news coverage of a dairy farm that may have to be demolished to make way for a soccerplex

NEWS 4 August 19 – report on Camp Fantastic

NEWS 4 August 24 – a local board in Mississippi has reserved itself and will allow a Jewish teenager to wear a Star of David necklace

NEWS 4 August 24 – students at Archbishop Carroll HS will no longer be able to wear their hair in cornrows, dreadlocks or braids

NEWS 4 August 25 – a 5 year old girl is learning how to fly

NEWS 4 August 30 – new study points out the important role of fathers, they reduce the risk of their children smoking, drinking, and using drugs by 68%

NEWS 4 August 31 – the government is creating a universal child safety seat system

NEWS 4 September 2 - grandmother helped deliver her own granddaughter

NEWS 4 September 6 – Fairfax police say nine stores were caught selling alcohol to minors

NEWS 4 September 8 – there is now a new building to house the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

NEWS 4 September 8 – Maryland law passed in 1996 targeting deadbeat parents is a success

NEWS 4 September 6, 8- news coverage of new DC children's curfew

VIEWPOINT

September 12, 1999- Guests: Terrance Gainer, Steven Rosenbaum, and Stephen Block discuss D.C. teen curfew.

NEWS 4 September 13 – news coverage of custody dispute in a case where girl turn her parents in for growing marijuana

NEWS 4 September 15 – news coverage of school closings due to storm

NEWS 4 September 16, 21 - news coverage of church using school playground. Mayor Williams has promised to make money available to restore school playground, which was used as a church parking lot

NEWS 4 September 20 – report on the Coming of Age program for teens

NEWS 4 September 21 – singer Meat Loaf gave a \$100K grant for DC public school music programs

NEWS 4 September 21 – the National Transportation Safety Board has said no to seat belts in school buses

NEWS 4 September 23 – report on teen pregnancy in Alexandria

NEWS 4 September 25 – news coverage of the Hispanic Heritage Month Fiesta Musical at the zoo

NEWS 4 September 27 – Mentor 2000 volunteer search segment

NEWS 4 September 27 – Mayor Williams unveiled a plan designed to improve the health and safety of children in the city

NEWS 4 September 27 – new study says working parents handle working and raising their children well

NEWS 4 September 28 – the Supreme Court will decide on the rights of grandparents

II. POLITICAL ISSUES

NEWS 4 July 15 – Colorado high school students talked gun control on Capitol Hill today

NEWS 4 July 15- news coverage of NAACP launch of boycott on South Carolina for flying the confederate flag from its statehouse dome

NEWS 4 July 15, 16- the republican-controlled Senate voted to keep the ban on suing HMOs; bill now moves to the House

NEWS 4 July 16 – a federal judge ruled that a Virginia law banning a type of late term abortion, a procedure called “partial birth abortion”, is unconstitutional

NEWS 4 July 16- there is still no settlement between the US and China for NATO’s accidental bombing of Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia

NEWS 4 July 16 – coverage of protest in Washington against Iran’s Islam-based government

JFK Jr.

NEWS 4 July 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 –news coverage of JFK Jr’s plane disappearance with JFK Jr, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her sister Lauren Bessette on board. They are presumed dead. President Clinton has phoned words of concern to the Kennedy family. Search and Recover mission on the way. On July 20th, all the bodies were found. Senator Ted Kennedy and MD Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend issued statements. Burial at sea took place July 22, memorial services were held on the 23, 34

NEWS 4 July 19- Senator Byrd showed up in traffic court and pleaded no contest to charges he rear-ended another vehicle. At the time of the accident, he wasn’t given a ticket because members of Congress have immunity from prosecution in such cases.

NEWS 4 July 20 – WETA TV, and other public broadcasting stations that traded their members list with the Democratic Party, could be fined

NEWS 4 July 20 – report on President Clinton’s speech to the National Bar Association and various civil rights attorneys to promote more legal opportunities for minorities

NEWS 4 July 20 – efforts by Mayor Williams to clean up graffiti

NEWS 4 July 21 - President Clinton promised to veto a Republican plan for a risky 792 billion dollar in tax cuts

NEWS 4 July 22 – congressional report finds Veteran hospitals are wasting up to one million dollars a day on not needed medical facilities

NEWS 4 July 22 – CIA Director testified today that some of his agents knew location of bombed Belgrade Chinese Embassy but that they were not consulted prior to the bombing

NEWS 4 July 23 – report on Mayor Williams’ inspection of National Guard operations

NEWS 4 July 23 - FBI I building has been closed off to the public indefinitely after threats of possible terrorist attacks

NEWS 4 July 25 – new chairman was picked to head the Reform Party during this weekend’s convention

NEWS 4 July 27 – report on the New York Senate race between Mayor Giuliani and Hillary Clinton

NEWS 4 July 28, September 13 – report on new information about the 1996 siege at Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas

NEWS 4 July 28 – DC Police Chief Ramsey urged Congress to let the city fund needle-exchange programs for drug users

NEWS 4 July 28, August 3, 8, September 23, 24 – news coverage of the Congress-approved \$792 billion dollar tax cut; debate between Clinton and Congress. President Clinton vetoed the tax cut

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

August 1, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Kristi King, and Adrienne Washington discuss the Chairman of the D.C. Financial Control Board, Alice Rivlin's statement that "jurisdictions should work together to cope with the spread of poverty throughout the region.

NEWS 4 August 3 – arbitration panel declared the government must pay the Zapruder family \$16M for their President Kennedy assassination film

NEWS 4 August 3- a House subcommittee is considering whether to put limits on pilots' workdays

NEWS 4 August 3- Montgomery County's living wage bill has been rejected

NEWS 4 August 4 – House members are looking at ways to tighten up laws against hate crimes

NEWS 4 August 5- the House has approved a 792 billion-dollar tax cut package. President Clinton promised to veto the bill.

NEWS 4 August 6- news story on 25th anniversary of President Richard Nixon's resignation as a result of Watergate. The identity of Deep Throat is still unknown.

NEWS 4 August 6- news story on one year anniversary of terrorist bombing of two US Embassies in Africa

NEWS 4 August 8- report on the 25th anniversary of President Nixon's resignation

NEWS 4 August 9 – Ken Starr announced he would complete his investigation of the Clintons very soon; he expects to have it wrapped up before next year's elections

NEWS 4 August 10 – Israel is ready to release Adolf Eichmann's memoirs, a Nazi war criminal

NEWS 4 August 10 – President Clinton was criticized today for having no time for local people in the poor DC neighborhoods

NEWS 4 August 11 – wake was held today for former DC Councilman Harry Thomas Sr., who died on Saturday of cardiac arrest

NEWS 4 August 11- a small group of Maryland democrats cast their support for underdog Bill Bradley who is trying to derail Al Gore's campaign

NEWS 4 August 11 – news coverage of President Clinton's remarks on the attack at Jewish Community Center in LA

NEWS 4 August 12 – NY Times reports actor Warren Beatty is hinting at running for President

NEWS 4 August 13 – report on 2000 presidential race Republican straw poll

NEWS 4 August 13- new guidelines will be introduced for the military's "don't ask, don't tell" gay policy

NEWS 4 August 16 – report on food stamp eligibility campaign

NEWS 4 August 16 – Lamar Alexander quit the race for the Republican presidential nomination

NEWS 4 August 16 – report on the Clinton's summer vacation plans

NEWS 4 August 17 – President Clinton unveils new anti-violence public service messages

NEWS 4 August 21 – group in Northern Virginia is pushing for a 1 percent sales tax increase

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

August 22, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Kristi King, and Jonetta Barras discuss Maryland rep. Morella and Ralph Neas who both raised more than \$100,000 for a rematch in the eighth District race.

NEWS 4 August 18, 19 – report on George W. Bush's alleged cocaine use. Bush is still in the lead as the Republican presidential candidate

NEWS 4 August 23 – VA Governor Gilmore slammed Democrats' proposals for new transportation projects despite huge surplus in budget

NEWS 4 August 25 – new US Ambassador to the UN has been sworn in

NEWS 4 August 25 – new Ronald Reagan license plates have been approved in California

NEWS 4 August 27 – Maryland Governor Glendening ordered a task force to prepare a bill prohibiting new handguns to be sold in Maryland unless they are equipped with new technology making them childproof

NEWS 4 August 29 – Mayor Williams says he wants a faster response to complaints about water leaks

NEWS 4 August 31- New York City Mayor Giuliani has been picked for Jury Duty

NEWS 4 September 4 – Park Police called to the Washington Monument after animal rights protest took place

NEWS 4 September 4 – Israel and the Palestinians have signed a new peace deal

NEWS 4 September 6 – Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak survived his third assassination attempt today

NEWS 4 September 6 – DC's Fire Chief says he needs new equipment; it may be a year before replacements take place

NEWS 4 September 7 – former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros has ended a 4 year legal battle with the federal government by pleading guilty to lying to the FBI

NEWS 4 September 8 – President Clinton was questioned in the federal investigation of Labor Secretary Alexis Herman

NEWS 4 September 10 – House and Senate negotiators agreed on 4.8 percent raise for federal workers

NEWS 4 September 10 – Virginia Supreme Court to make decision on whether Arlington County can provide same sex benefits to partners of county employees

EAST TIMOR

NEWS 4 September 8, 9, 10, 13, 20 – the UN evacuated its embattled compound in East Timor; a team of Marines was deployed as first wave of peacekeepers along with thousands of UN troops

NEWS 4 September 8, 17 - former Senator Bill Bradley announces he is running for President; Montgomery County Democrats handed him a big check for his presidential bid

NEWS 4 September 9 – DC's gun buy back program brought in 1000 guns; President Clinton is proposing a federal gun buy back program

NEWS 4 September 10 – eleven Puerto Rican nationalists were freed from prison after President Clinton granted them clemency

NEWS 4 September 11 – news coverage of proposed tax cut

NEWS 4 September 13, 14 – news coverage of Baltimore's Mayoral race

NEWS 4 September 13, 24 – news coverage of the corruption trial of former Maryland State Senator Larry Young

NEWS 4 September 13 – Alexandria City Manager Vola Lawson announces her retirement

NEWS 4 September 15 – news coverage of Iowa’s GOP straw poll

NEWS 4 September 17- news coverage of Cora Barry tennis tournament that will benefit children

NEWS 4 September 20 – report on the DC marijuana vote

NEWS 4 September 22- The Justice Department announced today it is suing the tobacco industry to recover dollars spent on health care for smoking related illnesses

NEWS 4 September 22, 24 – report on DC Police Department’s and the District’s Y2K preparations and readiness

NEWS 4 September 24 – President Clinton praises success of the Adoption and Safe Families Act

NEWS 4 September 24, 25 – President Clinton, Vice President Gore and former Senator Bill Bradley addressed the annual Democratic National Committee meeting

NEWS 4 September 27 – Linda Tripp is suing the government for ruining her reputation

NEWS 4 September 28 – Supreme Court to decide whether a law that allows rape victims to sue their attackers is constitutional

NEWS 4 September 28 – Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush released his medical records today

NEWS 4 September 28 – Democratic candidate Bill Bradley unveiled his health care plan today

NEWS 4 September 28 – news coverage of the annual White House Prayer Breakfast and addressed this past year’s personal troubles

NEWS 4 September 28, 29 – news coverage of the President’s veto of the District budget

NEWS 4 September 29 – President Clinton signed legislation today that calls for pay increases for next year

NEWS 4 September 29 – report on Vice President Gore’s campaign changes and his debate challenge to Bill Bradley

NEWS 4 September 29 – Vice President Gore announced he is moving his campaign headquarters to Tennessee

III. HEALTH

NEWS 4 July 3- report on problems that may arise in the ongoing heat wave

NEWS 4 July 5- report finding that older men who do more walking have a lower rate of heart attacks

NEWS 4 July 6- critical blood shortage going on in the DC area; blood drive being held; additional news coverage of gay blood donation issue

NEWS 4 July 6 – a popular cholesterol-lowering drug can reduce the risk of cancer in some patients

NEWS 4 July 7 – report on interventional radiology and its uses

NEWS 4 July 15, 21,22 - news coverage of girl who had half her brain removed at John Hopkins Children's Center to stop the spread of a rare neurological disease

NEWS 4 July 15- report on 9-year-old girl who had a heart transplant last month

NEWS 4 July 15 – town in Maryland is asking all of its residents to sign organ donor cards

NEWS 4 July 16 – new study suggests breast feeding may help some children avoid obesity

NEWS 4 July 16- report on women dealing with menopause at work

NEWS 4 July 16 –report on mutant gene identified as being responsible for many cases of back pain caused by ruptured disks

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

July 18, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Adrienne Washington, and Dave McConnell discuss the license suspension of a Virginia nurse who allegedly told investigators she administered overdoses of Morphine to two terminally ill patients at Nova Fair Oaks Hospital to hasten their deaths.

VIEWPOINT

July 18, 1999 Guests: Donald Young, Andy Webber, and Thomas Reardon discuss patient rights. The new bill covers 161 million Americans with private health insurance.

NEWS 4 July 19- report on anxiety disorders

NEWS 4 July 19- report finds that a drug found in aspirin coating could protect women from HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases

NEWS 4 July 20 – report on summer migraines

NEWS 4 July 20- Johnson and Johnson is testing a new form of birth control – it's a patch

NEWS 4 July 21 – a pastor at a District church is recovering after receiving a kidney transplant donated by a member of his church

NEWS 4 July 22 – doctors say women who smoke or have high blood cholesterol are at high risks for heart attacks

NEWS 4 July 22 – report on testicular cancer and how it can be beaten if caught on time

NEWS 4 July 23 – new study shows that primary doctors in managed care often prevent patients from seeing specialists

NEWS 4 July 25 – there is evidence that number of soldiers smoking cigars or pipes or chewing tobacco is up, while the number of soldiers who smoke is down

NEWS 4 July 25 – news coverage of sewage sludge controversy

NEWS 4 July 26 – advice about eating healthy

NEWS 4 July 26 – report on newest findings in the importance of a healthy diet

NEWS 4 July 27 – a study found that among older patients, balloon angioplasty offers a slightly better chance for survival

NEWS 4 July 27 – coverage of controversial program in Chicago that has started to offer money to drug addicted women who agree to be sterilized

NEWS 4 July 27 – News for your Health reports on a new flu drug, which reduces duration of the flu by a day and a half

NEWS 4 July 27- nurses at Children's Hospital have voted to authorize a strike over matters such as staffing and mandatory overtime

NEWS 4 July 27 – President Clinton says women depend on Medicare more than men

NEWS 4 July 28 – report on blood bank in Virginia who may have infected some people with the blood from a donor who has HIV

NEWS 4 July 28 – new surveys find doctors and patients are having trouble with managed care plans

NEWS 4 July 28 – taking an invigorating walk may help older people keep their minds sharp

NEWS 4 July 29 – US Surgeon General says the nation must focus its attention on giving every child a healthy start

NEWS 4 August 2 – new study found that boys with ADHD who are treated with stimulants such as Ritalin are less likely to abuse drugs and alcohol when they get older

NEWS 4 August 2 - new study found that D.A.R.E. program has no long term effect on substance use

NEWS 4 August 3 – new study reveals that using sunscreen may inadvertently prolong recreational sun exposure

NEWS 4 August 4- researchers at Washington Hospital Center are trying to track and identify the genes that cause Type 2 diabetes and their focus is on African –American women

NEWS 4 August 5 – report on peanut allergies; children with those allergies have doubled in the past ten years, according to researchers at Johns Hopkins

NEWS 4 August 5, 6, 11- class action suit is underway in New Jersey, with 94,000 people citing medical risks from taking the drug Fen-Phen; a jury in Texas awarded \$23M to a woman who says suffered heart valve damage after taking the drug

NEWS 4 August 6 – bacteria that cause some serious illnesses such as pneumonia and meningitis are becoming resistant to penicillin

NEWS 4 August 6 – researchers have found that chocolate may actually be good for you

NEWS 4 August 6 – tips on how to get the most out of your naps to be productive

NEWS 4 August 9 – news report on a new machine for diabetics which will make reading their blood sugar levels a little easier

NEWS 4 August 9 – a new study by the American Heart Association is designed to identify which individuals may have the highest risk of stroke following heart surgery

NEWS 4 August 9 – a drug used to treat Alzheimer's patients may also help people with Down's Syndrome

NEWS 4 August 10 – report on bone marrow transplants being used to treat sickle cell anemia

NEWS 4 August 10 – new study finds that many premature and low birth weight babies don't have immunizations up to date

NEWS 4 August 11 - Breast cancer is becoming the most common type of cancer diagnosed in pregnant women

NEWS 4 August 13 – studies show that many pregnant Latina women aren't getting adequate prenatal care

NEWS 4 August 13 – there's new evidence that an inherited virus may be one of the factors that triggers breast cancer

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

July 11, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Jonetta Barras, and Dave McConnell discuss the D.C. health department's lack of a director.

VIEWPOINT

August 15, 1999 Guests: Diane Shnitzer, Laura L. Tosi, and Leslie Hayes discuss osteoporosis, and the five kilometer run/walk to benefit the National Osteoporosis Foundation and to raise awareness about the prevention, detection, and treatment of osteoporosis.

NEWS 4 August 16 – scientist make discovery that may lead to a new way to treat glaucoma

NEWS 4 August 16 – the FDA has approved the first sleep medicine in five years

NEWS 4 August 16 – report on the thyroplasty procedure to help people who have lost their voices

NEWS 4 August 17 – drug used to prevent osteoporosis may have another benefit – it can reduce the risk of fractures by as much as 50%

NEWS 4 August 17 – reports shows the Epstein Barr virus may play a role in the development of breast cancer

NEWS 4 August 17 – there is a battle underway in Chicago over two frozen embryos

NEWS 4 August 18- new study suggests that a device resembling a plunger is better than CPR at saving heart attack victims

NEWS 4 August 18 - report on “night-eating syndrome” is published in today’s issue of the Journal of the AMA

NEWS 4 August 18 – contact lenses should not be cleansed with tap or bottled water due to bacteria

NEWS 4 August 19 – study finds that female smokers are three times as likely to have moderate to severe wrinkling

NEWS 4 August 19, September 13- new District’s Health Director is now officially on the job

NEWS 4 August 20 – news coverage of a drug-resistant bacteria that has taken the life of four children in the upper Midwest

NEWS 4 August 20 – Mayor Williams will keep campaign promise to officially keep track of the HIV-AIDS epidemic

NEWS 4 August 24 – report on diabetic drivers – low blood sugar could put other drivers at risk

NEWS 4 August 24 – report on kids and caffeine and its side effects

NEWS 4 August 25 – medical records on the Internet

NEWS 4 August 26 – Norplant birth control manufacturer has settled a class action suit on side effects

NEWS 4 August 30 – FDA has announced they want to cut the rate of salmonella infection caused by uncooked eggs

NEWS 4 August 30 – new program in central Virginia has new approach to prevent children from smoking – children tell each other not to smoke

NEWS 4 August 31 – news coverage of the donor organs shortage

NEWS 4 September 2 – if you want to improve your balance and flexibility, you may want to try chi-kung

NEWS 4 September 2- commissioned study on guessing an unborn baby's sex results – educated women were 75% right

NEWS 4 September 3 – Center for Disease Control says only 100 cases of the measles were reported last year

NEWS 4 September 3 – report on senior exercising

VIEWPOINT

September 5, 1999 Guests: Barbara Chinn, Michaela Harrison, and Kevin Mischka discuss AIDS and the annual Walk in Washington.

NEWS 4 September 6 – news coverage of outbreak of encephalitis in New York

NEWS 4 September 6 – health department in New York State says water supply at a county fair may have been cause of E-Coli bacteria death

NEWS 4 September 6 – report on heart condition called Mitral Valve Prolapse

NEWS 4 September 8 – there is new evidence that menthol cigarettes pose a greater threat to women than regular cigarettes

NEWS 4 September 8 – young women who aren't getting enough folic acid and other B vitamins are at higher risk for a stroke

NEWS 4 September 10 – boy who received a kidney from an Indiana woman is doing well this afternoon

NEWS 4 September 13 – report on heartburn surgery

NEWS 4 September 14 – study shows that treadmill test is the most effective way to determine if a patient with cardiac problems is at risk of having a heart attack

NEWS 4 September 17 – South Korean man reports hula-hoops can cure chronic back pain

NEWS 4 September 17, 20- new report on Bob Barker's hospitalization, Raisa Gorbachev's critical condition, and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader's colon cancer surgery

NEWS 4 September 20 – report on new cancer drug that will treat a specific kind of cancer

NEWS 4 September 20 – results from the medical marijuana ballot were released today – DC voters endorsed using it

NEWS 4 September 20 – some in Congress are blasting the medical marijuana vote as sending the wrong message to young people

NEWS 4 September 21- various types of HIV are becoming resistant to the drugs used to combat them

NEWS 4 September 21- news coverage of Prostate Awareness week

NEWS 4 September 22 – report on the start of flu season; flu shots

NEWS 4 September 23 – a study shows that babies fed only breast milk for at least the first 4 months have added protection against asthma and allergies

NEWS 4 September 23- the FDA has come up with new guidelines that allow children as young as seven to take the asthma drug Accolate

NEWS 4 September 24 – new procedure will make it possible to restore fertility to women who cannot bear children. It's an ovary transplant.

NEWS 4 September 26 – study shows that a powerful nasal spray can shorten the time you have the flu

VIEWPOINT

September 26, 1999 - Guest: Dr. Ivan C.A. Walks discusses the D.C. health agenda.

NEWS 4 September 27 – researchers are reporting a high success rate in a new cancer vaccine study

NEWS 4 September 27 – study shows that not enough sleep slows down your reaction time as much as drinking

NEWS 4 September 28 – actor Michael J. Fox is urging lawmakers to allocate more funding for Parkinson's Disease research

NEWS 4 September 28 – a product that hospitals use to help poisoning victims is now available over the counter

NEWS 4 September 28 – first pneumonia vaccine for children is being evaluated by the FDA

NEWS 4 September 28, 29 – case of bacterial meningitis reported at the University of Maryland

NEWS 4 September 29 – light exam in conjunction with a Pap smear can help detect cervical cancer

NEWS 4 September 29 – news coverage of Manassas Park middle school teacher's death

IV. VIOLENCE/CRIME

NEWS 4 July 1- two people are accused of killing a man in Dale City, then setting him on fire

NEWS 4 July 1- two teenage girls who allegedly beat a woman after traffic dispute could now face murder charges

NEWS 4 July 3, 5, 6, 7 – news coverage of a Chicago drive-by shooting spree that targeted minorities and left two dead and nine injured. Ben Smith then took his own life.

NEWS 4 July 5 - report on Samuel Sheinbein's new defense tactic

NEWS 4 July 6 - Police found the body of a truck driver this afternoon near a business in Woodbridge

NEWS 4 July 7- Neo-Nazi group "Knights of Freedom" has been given permit to march in Washington next month

NEWS 4 July 8 – Maryland will begin cataloging DNA samples from convicted felons in October

NEWS 4 July 8- there is a warrant out for the arrest of 23-year-old man who ran over a friend who was trying to stop him from driving drunk

NEWS 4 July 15 – a teacher who admitted having had a 3 year affair with 10 years ago with a student has been sentenced to 30 days in jail

NEWS 4 July 15 –news coverage of nurse accused of speeding up the death of 2 men in her care

NEWS 4 July 15, 16, 19 – news coverage of car that slammed into Giant Food store on Arliss Road, Silver Spring, killing a 5 year old boy. The driver said she lost control of her car. Funeral services were held July 19.

NEWS 4 July 16- a 13-year-old boy is in critical condition after being struck by an unmarked state police vehicle

NEWS 4 July 16 – former newspaper reporter in Cincinnati was spared a jail sentence for stealing voice mail messages from the Chiquita Banana company

NEWS 4 July 16 – earlier this week, WGBH-TV, a PBS station, admitted to giving copies of its donor lists to the Democratic Party

NEWS 4 July 17, 19 – police investigate a robbery and a fatal shooting at a Safeway store in Silver Spring; man accused has been ordered held without bond

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

July 18, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Adrienne Washington, and Dave McConnell discuss Chief Charles Ramsey's rescheduling of officers.

NEWS 4 July 19, 20 – man accused of killing two of his infant children for insurance money more than 10 years ago is now on trial in Montgomery County

NEWS 4 July 20- former member of the Symbionese Liberation Army accused of planting bombs under police cars 24 years ago was arrested last week and released on \$1M bail

NEWS 4 July 20- police arrested a man charged with embezzling \$20M from the Brazilian Government

NEWS 4 July 21- police have identified a man they say was responsible for a series of rapes in SE Washington

NEWS 4 July 21 – report on the “drive-cam” being used to capture aggressive drivers

NEWS 4 July 23 – more than 80,000 bootleg videos and CDs were confiscated this week

NEWS 4 July 23 – special education teacher in Prince William County is being charged with child pornography charges

NEWS 4 July 23- man accused of getting 12-year-old girl pregnant has turned himself in

NEWS 4 July 24 – funeral services were held for man shot to death while he was out walking his dog in Silver Spring

NEWS 4 July 25, 27, 28 – motel handyman arrested for the triple murder five months ago in Yosemite Park; suspect confessed to the crimes

NEWS 4 July 26 – teacher in the District pleads guilty to sexual abuse in connection with assaults on two different students

NEWS 4 July 26, September 28 – Fairfax police are searching for two men in connection with the sexual assault of a 16 year old girl

NEWS 4 July 26 – report on Woodstock '99 violence

NEWS 4 July 27 – news coverage of Beltway shooting and high speed chase

NEWS 4 July 28 – news coverage of death of a community activist in the District

NEWS 4 August 2 – news coverage of the Atlanta funerals for the two children of an Mark Barton, who killed 12 people, including his two children

NEWS 4 August 3 – news coverage of planned neo-nazi rally to be held here in Washington this upcoming Saturday

NEWS 4 August 3- experimental program to help fight crime is being expanded

NEWS 4 August 3 – report on online child porn

NEWS 4 August 3, September 8 – trial date has been set for the suspect in the 1997 Starbucks triple murder

NEWS 4 August 4 – a local cab driver in critical condition after being shot in the head while on the job

NEWS 4 August 6 – news coverage of the \$3M settlement drawing fire between the NAACP and the Fraternal Order of Police

NEWS 4 August 8, 13, 20 – an escaped killer who eluded police in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware for nearly three weeks is back behind bars tonight

NEWS 4 August 10, 11 - 15-yr-old charged with shooting rampage in Conyers, GA, is back in court to determine whether he should be tried as an adult. The judge decided he should be tried as an adult

RAILROAD KILLER

NEWS 4 August 10 – news coverage of man suspected of 9 murders, all which occurred near railroad tracks in Kentucky, Texas, and Illinois. Angel Resendez surrendered to authorities, and was charged with seven murders.

L.A. JEWISH CENTER SHOOTING

NEWS 4 August 10, 11, 12, 13, 18 - news coverage of hate-crime shooting that occurred in Los Angeles, at a Jewish Community Center which offers child care and camp activities. Five people were wounded, 3 of them children. The suspect, Buford Furrow, traveled to Las Vegas by cab and then surrendered to police. Suspect had been released from jail just 3 months prior. Furrow was also suspected with the murder of a postal worker. He was charged with five counts of attempted murder and one count of first-degree murder. President Clinton discussed the shootings with Jewish Community leaders.

NEWS 4 August 10, 11- news coverage of teenage mother shot to death in front of her toddler. Police charged three suspects with first degree murder; her boyfriend allegedly arranged to have her killed

NEWS 4 August 10- Montgomery County man is charged with child abuse and sex offenses

NEWS 4 August 11- man charged with killing his wife will go on trial in November; the confession he gave to police may be used in the trial

NEWS 4 August 12 – an elderly woman charged in the death of her daughter in on trial in Orlando

NEWS 4 August 12 – Marine Corporal assigned to Clinton's helicopter is facing charges involving sexual activities with a teenager

NEWS 4 August 14 – news coverage of 17-year-old mother was shot in front of her baby; police have charged her boyfriend and two others with the murder

NEWS 4 August 15, 16, 18 – news coverage of trial of Allen Green, accused of murdering 13 year old Claudia Pickeral in Saint Mary's County more than two years ago. He was convicted of second-degree murder

NEWS 4 August 16 – report on Prince William County gun confiscation

NEWS 4 August 17 – new development in the New York City case of police brutality – the jury convicted Officer Charles Schwarz as an accomplice to the attack

NEWS 4 August 17 – charges may be dismissed against paparazzi accused of causing Princess Diana's crash

NEWS 4 August 17 – report on new development in the case of an Alexandria computer specialist that was murdered in his home

NEWS 4 August 18, 19- the District's alcoholic beverage control board has declined to suspend the liquor license of a controversial nightclub -Club Diversite

NEWS 4 August 18 – former football coach of Centreville High School has been sentenced on a shoplifting charge

NEWS 4 August 18 – a guilty pleas was entered today by Mark Manes of Colorado; he admitted to selling a semi-automatic pistol to the teenage gunmen of Columbine High

NEWS 4 August 20 – a Florida teenager is going to prison for the rest of his life for the murder of an eight-year-old neighbor girl

NEWS 4 August 21 – cooperation between at least four different law enforcement agencies led to the capture of 19 year old Daniel Warfield in MD

VIEWPOINT

August 22, 1999 Guest: Chief Charles A. Moose discusses his plans as the new chief and current issues in the news that impact his department.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

August 22, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Kristi King, and Jonetta Barras discuss the D.C. police department planning to use seized drug money to buy back guns in a citywide gun amnesty program.

NEWS 4 August 22 – news coverage of murder of a man who was shot to death in SE after dropping of guests from a wedding where he had just served as a best man

NEWS 4 August 23, September 22 – man accused of stabbing his estranged wife in front of her children pleaded guilty to first degree murder in Manassas today

NEWS 4 August 24 – District's gun buy program so successful yesterday that police are doing it again today

NEWS 4 August 24 – Silver Spring man is filing a complaint against a Denny's restaurant in Tennessee claiming he was denied service because he is blind

NEWS 4 August 25 – US Park police are asking for help in finding a man suspected of sexually assaulting a 15 year old girl in the District

NEWS 4 August 25 – a Montgomery County high school teacher will go to jail for having sex with a student

NEWS 4 August 26 – report on challenge for police of patrolling the border between PG County and DC

NEWS 4 August 27 – young burglary suspects charged in a school break in got a lesson in law today

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

August 29, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Kristi King, and Jonetta Barras discuss Israeli officials and Montgomery County State's attorney quarrel over the Sheinbein plea agreement.

NEWS 4 August 30, September 8 – Montgomery County police are asking for help in solving the murder of a 67-year-old woman found dead in her home

NEWS 4 August 30 – Maryland Parole Commission has voted to deny parole to former US Senate candidate Ruthann Aron

NEWS 4 August 30 – news coverage of accident in Falls Church where a car struck three construction workers

NEWS 4 August 30 – Maryland woman on trial, charged in a hit and run accident that killed a North Potomac teenager

NEWS 4 August 31, September 17 – police are investigating the death of a Rockville baby last week as a homicide after autopsy revealed signs of sexual abuse; babysitter has been charged with the assault and investigated in her death

NEWS 4 September 1 – news coverage of Reston, VA serial rapes

NEWS 4 September 1 – four statues on temporary display in Clarendon Park near the Metro were knocked to the ground last weekend by vandals

NEWS 4 September 2 – police are searching for a man who tried to rape a woman outside Bancroft Elementary School in NW, DC

NEWS 4 September 2 – guilty plea was entered today in the case of the hit-and-run driver who struck and killed an American University student

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NEWS 4 September 2 – Sheinbein has pleaded guilty to the murder of Alfredo Tello in an Israeli courtroom under the Israeli justice system

NEWS 4 September 2 – report on rash of crime in the District's Columbia Heights community

NEWS 4 September 6 – news coverage of security guard shooting at an FDA lab by a co-worker following an apparent job-related argument

NEWS 4 September 6 – Fairfax County police have launched an experimental program to deal with gang violence

NEWS 4 September 6 – the US is working to extradite a man suspected of embezzling hundreds of millions of dollars; he was arrested in Germany

NEWS 4 September 7 – Keith Gardner pleaded guilty today to killing his parents and grandfather

NEWS 4 September 7 – an Alexandria man could be sentenced for up to twenty years for having sex with an eleven year old girl he met on the Internet

NEWS 4 September 8 – two state troopers in New Jersey have been charged with attempted murder over racial profiling

NEWS 4 September 8 – news coverage of couple being accused in the disappearance of their 8month old daughter Sabrina back in 1997. The Aisenbergs will be arraigned in Florida, where the disappearance took place

NEWS 4 September 8 – police in Fairfax County have come under fire for trading firearms from the street for new police weapons

NEWS 4 September 8, 9 – news coverage of Harry Green, who impersonated a District police officer

NEWS 4 September 8 – a 58-year-old man has been charged with raping a 16-year-old girl in a motel in Arlington

NEWS 4 September 9 – report on major drug bust at Miami's International Airport

NEWS 4 September 9 – Garret Wilson was sentenced to life in prison today for killing his infant son for insurance money

SPICKNALL Murders

NEWS 4 September 10, 13, 14 - news coverage of two children who were killed by their father, Richard Spicknall; police will seek the death penalty. Spicknall told police he was carjacked at gunpoint and that his children were missing.

NEWS 4 September 11 – report on 87-year old British spy, who has been unmasked and has confessed to passing nuclear secrets to the Soviets

NEWS 4 September 14 – the man convicted in the Jenny Jones talk show murder case has been sentenced to 25 to 50 years in prison

NEWS 4 September 14 – in Prince William County, a grand jury will now consider charges against a Quantico Marine accused of engaging in sex acts with a boy he met over the Internet

NEWS 4 September 14 – the drunk-driving case of Marlena Cooke is now in the hands of the jury

Haddon Clark Case

NEWS 4 September 14, 24, 27, 28 – news coverage of trial of man accused of murdering 6 year old Michelle Dorr 13 years ago

NEWS 4 September 16, 17 – news coverage of Texas church shooting that left 8 people dead

NEWS 4 September 17 – robbery was the motive for a double murder in the Bladensburg Animal Hospital; police ask for help in solving the case

NEWS 4 September 20 – second man is convicted in the Texas dragging death trial; a third man is awaiting trial

NEWS 4 September 21 – study shows high degree of confidence in Montgomery County police

NEWS 4 September 22- news coverage of suspects in the case of grandmother shot in the District while trying to protect the children

NEWS 4 September 22 – Singer Diana Ross was arrested in an airport in London, accused of assaulting a security guard

NEWS 4 September 22, 23 – report on school teacher who was convicted of fleeing police, but acquitted of driving too slow; A jury overturned her conviction

NEWS 4 September 22 – teenage is sentenced in the accident that killed three people on the East-West Highway last June

NEWS 4 September 24 – Oregon student who opened fire in a school cafeteria has pleaded guilty to several counts of murder

NEWS 4 September 24 – mechanic charged in the 1996 ValuJet crash is now a fugitive

NEWS 4 September 27 – District police say the teenager who was killed on a metro bus last week was not the victim of random violence

NEWS 4 September 27 – news coverage of doctor that had treated a cancer patient with Aloe Vera; patient died

NEWS 4 September 27 – man wounded during a shoot out with PG County police is in critical condition tonight

NEWS 4 September 28 – the National Safe Kids Campaign says that 18 children under 10 die in America every year from falling out of windows

NEWS 4 September 28 – cellular phone industry has joined women's advocates in the "call to protect women" campaign

NEWS 4 September 29 – a teacher from Largo High School is being treated at a local hospital after being allegedly assaulted by a student

NEWS 4 September 29 – a basketball coach at St Mary's College is being held without bond, charged with abducting and raping his girlfriend

V. CONSUMER

NEWS 4 July 1- report on YK2: banking, traveling, federal government, regional government, and personal readiness

NEWS 4 July 1- 21-year-old is sole winner of \$80 million powerball jackpot

NEWS 4 July 1- fireworks safety coverage

NEWS 4 July 5- financial backing report

NEWS 4 July 7 – SUV crash test results

NEWS 4 July 8 – report on battle between McDonald's and Burger King over big kids meals

NEWS 4 July 12 – new mall to be constructed in Anne Arundel County

VIEWPOINT

July 11, 1999- Guest: John Koskinen discusses the Y2K bug, and reliability of testing.

NEWS 4 July 13- Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream will open its first ever store in PG County

NEWS 4 July 13 – researches conducted experiment to find out how durable blue jeans are

NEWS 4 July 15- Liz Crenshaw reports on how to pick the best fruit and vegetables

NEWS 4 July 16- report on the “Blair Witch Project” movie, which is based on small Maryland town

NEWS 4 July 16 – hundreds gather in Cape Canaveral to mark the 30-year anniversary of the Apollo launch to the moon

NEWS 4 July 16 – Ask Liz segment- questions/answers on non-working street lights, moving, and hot weather

NEWS 4 July 19 – Liz reports on summer toys

NEWS 4 July 19 – news report on PEPCO’s Kilowatchers program

NEWS 4 July 20 – historic space launch with first female commander was aborted due to a false alarm

NEWS 4 July 20- report on car-breakdown safety

NEWS 4 July 21 – General Motors has agreed to recall three and a half million trucks, vans and utility vehicles because of problems with anti-lock brakes

NEWS 4 July 21 – produce prices have gone up due to this summer drought

NEWS 4 July 22 – power companies give ideas on how to save money on air conditioning bills

NEWS 4 July 23 – segment of Ask Liz

NEWS 4 July 26 – Microsoft and America Online are battling over instant messages

NEWS 4 July 26 – consumer report on children and money – helping your kids get money smart

NEWS 4 August 3 – news coverage of airfare wars spicing up end of summer travel; report on US Airways trouble

NEWS 4 August 3 – the federal government and state regulators are taking action against 25 travel companies for alleged deceptive practices

NEWS 4 August 3 – defective fire sprinklers recalled from Star Sprinkler Company; also being recalled are “Bathtub Baby” playsets

NEWS 4 August 3 – report on “travel trap” crackdown

NEWS 4 August 5 – 200 thousand Winnie the Pooh piano toys are being recalled because they could pose a choking hazard

NEWS 4 August 8 – report on Internet postage- thanks to the Internet you can now print postage on your personal computer

NEWS 4 August 9 – report on day trading

NEWS 4 August 9 – price war is going on between companies that provide long distance service

NEWS 4 August 9 – the US Postal Service announced the start of PC postage, a service where you can get your stamps online

NEWS 4 August 11 - McDonald's is testing new computerized ordering system, allowing customers to punch in and pay their orders at a computer and having the food delivered to them

NEWS 4 August 12 - BET is holding plans to launch a new website designed to be a leading online destination for African-Americans

HURRICANE FLOYD

NEWS 4 August 14, 15, 16, 17, 20 - news coverage of things you can do to minimize damage from Floyd. There are about 85,000 people in our area without electricity. Tips segment covering water in the basement, what to do with boats in the water.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

August 15, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Dave McConnell, and Adrienne Washington discuss Maryland's water restrictions and the angry residents in Montgomery county.

NEWS 4 August 16 – report on Silver Spring's redevelopment

NEWS 4 August 16 – report on restaurants serving Buffalo meat

NEWS 4 August 16- Daimler Chrysler is recalling more than 2 million minivans because of defects that affect the liftgates, windshield wipers and possible engine fires

NEWS 4 August 17 - report on Huffy bicycle recall

NEWS 4 August 19 – back to school means new backpacks – new company called RAK gear is producing an even weight distribution backpack

NEWS 4 August 19 – report on recalls - electric heater and Honda thousands Acuras

NEWS 4 August 20 – Ask Liz segment

NEWS 4 August 23 – news coverage of comparison shopping of school supplies to find out how to help you save money

NEWS 4 August 25 – consumer report on Y2K readiness of ATM machines

NEWS 4 August 26 – report on credit card debt

NEWS 4 August 27- Ask Liz segment covered parking meters charging different rates

NEWS 4 August 30 – news report of the three day cooling off period – facts and fiction

NEWS 4 August 31 – tomorrow, Montgomery County will be offering free car safety seat inspections from 10A-6P

NEWS 4 August 31 - report on Nanny Cam

NEWS 4 August 31 – Giant Food is pulling the plug on its credit card rebate program

NEWS 4 August 31 – nearly 70 homes were sold, some for \$250, as part of a lottery held by DC's housing department and community development

NEWS 4 September 1 – new federal regulations are in effect today to keep children safe when they are in new forward facing car seats. They are now required to have a tether strap.

NEWS 4 September 1- the suburb of Brooklyn, Ohio, passed a new cell phone law making it a crime to use a phone while driving

NEWS 4 September 2 – news coverage of ergonomic office settings

NEWS 4 September 2- news story on deck safety

NEWS 4 September 3 – Ask Liz segment on best toothbrush for your family, HOV traffic

NEWS 4 September 6 – recent survey shows that many students and parents have no idea how the move to college affects insurance coverage

NEWS 4 September 7 – report on marketing concept called “energizing the category”

NEWS 4 September 8 - a new government report finds that nearly 8 out of 100 people are drug impaired on the job

NEWS 4 September 8 – the Alexandria city council voted unanimously seven to zero to approve the Potomac Yards project concept plan

NEWS 4 September 9 – Hechinger's is going out of business

NEWS 4 September 10 – Ask Liz segment, covering how to remove a stuck ring

NEWS 4 September 13 – report on the American Association of Retired Persons have a program that helps inform seniors about federal programs that will result in more money in their pockets

NEWS 4 September 14 – report on credit card scam promising to protect your credit card

NEWS 4 September 17 – Ask Liz segment - inquiry on whether there is a private school voucher program

NEWS 4 September 20 – food safety quiz

NEWS 4 September 21, 24 – report on the stock market

NEWS 4 September 21- Liz Crenshaw reports on car airbags safety

NEWS 4 September 22 – Carnivale cruise ship gets stranded at sea during tropical storm Harvey

NEWS 4 September 22 – the federal government is suing the tobacco companies for billions of dollars

NEWS 4 September 22 – today the Senate got its final progress report on the nation's Y2K readiness, predicting Americans will be spared a nationwide crisis

NEWS 4 September 22 – Kathie Lee Gifford faces allegations that her clothing line is produced in sweatshops in El Salvador

NEWS 4 September 23 – report on a machine that turns coins into cash

NEWS 4 September 24 – Ask Liz segment addressed handicap permits, getting rid of crickets, and removing condensation from sliding glass doors

NEWS 4 September 27 – blood pressure and cholesterol quiz

NEWS 4 September 28 – report on bumper crash test - the non-profit insurance institute for highway safety just finished bumper-bashing seven different large and luxury cars

NEWS 4 September 29 – Amazon.com is branching out

NEWS 4 September 29 – Custom officials in Chicago seized \$50 thousand dollars worth of fake Pokemon goods

VI. ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER

NEWS 4 July 2, 5, 6 – heat advisory issued for most of the DC area two days; heat wave coverage

NEWS 4 July 2 – bald eagle will be off the endangered species list by the end of next year

NEWS 4 July 5- scientists are studying a way to take the power out of hurricanes

NEWS 4 July 6- water samples in Quantico, VA, tested positive last month for coliform and e-coli bacteria; people being asked to boil water prior to drinking

NEWS 4 July 8, 13, August 11- report on water shortage in Poolesville, Maryland; officials in Montgomery County are looking for ways to deal with the drought. Poolesville was placed on restrictions prior to the state because their water supply comes from wells.

NEWS 4 July 9 – the National Zoo is stepping up efforts to get 2 new pandas, offering China two and a half million dollars

NEWS 4 July 12 – report on political battle over building tall towers for cell phone communications in Rock Creek Park

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

July 18, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Dave McConnell, and Adrienne Washington discuss the cluster of new power plants proposed for the northern Virginia suburbs that alarmed local and federal officials who say the plants will make it harder to reduce smog in the Washington region.

NEWS 4 July 19- region is experiencing another day of unhealthful air quality

DROUGHT/WATER RESTRICTIONS

NEWS 4 July 20, 21, 24, August 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, September 2– drought in Washington region continues; Loudoun County implementing mandatory restriction on water usage, as well as Maryland. Farmers are losing their crops. Maryland was declared a federal disaster area. Mandatory water restrictions were imposed, with fines up to a thousand dollars for violations. Loopholes opened in the enforcement of Maryland's mandatory water restrictions, allowing newly planted grass to be watered. The governors of Maryland, Virginia and other mid-Atlantic states met to compare their damages and responses to the drought. About 200 people have died nationwide as a result of the hot temperatures

NEWS 4 July 21 – Caribbean cruise line has agreed to pay a record fine for illegally dumping oil and hazardous chemicals into the water

NEWS 4 July 22, 23, 27 - report on fish kill; nearly one million dead fish were found on the Eastern Shore due to the drought. Drought brought in jellyfish in to the Chesapeake Bay

NEWS 4 July 24 - news coverage of violent storm in our region and ensuing damage

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

July 25, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Dave McConnell, and Adrienne Washington discuss D.C. mayor Anthony William's newest effort to get rid of graffiti.

NEWS 4 August 2- report on EPA pesticide ban on two pesticides commonly used on fruits and vegetables

NEWS 4 August 9 - most of our area is in what is referred to as a "high" to "very high" fire danger. The smallest spark could cause a brush fire.

NEWS 4 August 9 – news coverage of Long Island, NY, tornado

NEWS 4 August 11, 12 – news coverage of deadly tornado in Salt Lake City, Utah. Damage has reached \$150M

NEWS 4 August 11 – news coverage of this century's last total eclipse of the sun in Europe and Asia.

NEWS 4 August 14 – deadly storm ripped through Pennsylvania tonight

NEWS 4 August 16 – the Senate’s Dirksen office building was evacuated because of some mysterious fumes

TURKEY EARTHQUAKE

NEWS 4 August 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 31; September 13 – news coverage of earthquake in Turkey. Three US ships based in Norfolk, VA, prepared to help in relief effort. Aftershocks caused more damage and injuries. Death toll more than 7000. Fairfax County Rescue Team traveled to Turkey to help with rescue mission

NEWS 4 August 17 – moderate earthquake hit the town of Bolinas, California

NEWS 4 August 18 – report on high number of bats in the area due to drought; some are rabid

NEWS 4 August 19 – update on mandatory water restrictions in Maryland

NEWS 4 August 21 – massive exodus under way on the Gulf Coast of Texas as Hurricane Bret churns closer to shore

NEWS 4 August 24 – blocks shut down in Georgetown after a private sewage truck discovered it was leaking waste

NEWS 4 August 24 – scientists say the ingredient in catnip turns off cockroaches

NEWS 4 August 24 - news coverage of problems around area due to storm this morning

NEWS 4 August 26 – news coverage of flooded subway and streets in New York City

DENNIS

NEWS 4 August 26, 27, 30, 31, September 1, 2, 6- news coverage of Hurricane-turned-Tropical Storm Dennis; mid-Atlantic states assess the damage; North Carolina heavily affected; President Clinton declared Virginia a disaster zone. Ocean City officials keeping an eye on storm; people were ordered to leave Assateague State Park

NEWS 4 September 7 – news coverage of earthquake in Greece, at least 30 people are dead

NEWS 4 September 8 – smoke from 700-acre fire is making driving hazardous along I-81 in the Shenandoah Valley

NEWS 4 September 13 – report on 1992’s Hurricane Andrew

HURRICANE FLOYD

NEWS 4 September 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 28, 29 – storm tracking and news coverage of preparations for, evacuations, floods, and damage caused by Hurricane Floyd. Mandatory evacuation orders were issued in several states. The District experienced downed trees and power lines; New Jersey and Virginia affected; North Carolina suffered the worst damage, with additional flooding from heavy rain after flood waters from Floyd had receded; floodwaters washed caskets out of cemeteries. Town in southeastern Virginia President Clinton dispatched

his top disaster relief advisors to help the victims. Donations have been pouring in from everywhere

NEWS 4 September 19 – report on effect of Floyd on Virginia’s Lake Barton

TAIWAN

NEWS 4 September 20, 21, 22, 23, 28 – more than 2000 have been killed following strong earthquake in Taiwan; shoddy construction may have contributed to the death toll- a contractor is being sued. Rescue team from Fairfax County sent to help look for survivors

NEWS 4 September 20, 21 – Tropical Storm Harvey has come ashore in Florida, forcing authorities to declare a state of emergency in 56 counties

NEWS 4 September 21, 23 – town of Poolesville, MD, the only place in the area that still had mandatory water restrictions, had them lifted

NEWS 4 September 24, 27, 29 – report on gasoline leak inside First District police station, causing it to be closed down for 6 days

VII. EDUCATION

NEWS 4 July 5 – some schools have cancelled summer classes tomorrow due to the heat

NEWS 4 July 5- First Lady Hillary Clinton received the “Friend of Education” Award by The National Education Association

NEWS 4 July 11- report of 2 colleges in our region accepting on-line applications

NEWS 4 July 12 – public gets a first-hand look at Dr. Jerry Weast, Montgomery County’s new Schools Superintendent

NEWS 4 July 14 – the Arlington County school board has voted to shut down the rifle range in the basement of Yorktown High School

NEWS 4 July 17 – police officers are training on how to respond to violent outbreaks in school, in hopes of preventing a tragedy like the one at Columbine High School in Colorado

REPORTER’S NOTEBOOK

July 18, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Adrienne Washington, and Dave McConnell discuss teachers in P.G. County who want more money, administrative support, and classroom resources.

NEWS 4 July 20, August 5 – six members called for DC School Board President Wilma Harvey’s ousting over, among other issues, using a staff member to perform personal work on

board time. She was ousted, but a deal has been worked out that allows Harvey to stay through the end of her term.

NEWS 4 July 20, August 11- School Superintendent Arlene Ackerman is demanding a re-negotiation of her three-year contract

NEWS 4 July 21 – control board says it is concerned about the power struggle over who will serve as president of the elected school board

NEWS 4 July 22, 27 – report on the proposed ousting of DC school board president Wilma Harvey. Mayor Williams called on members of the board to resolve their differences

NEWS 4 July 23 – PG County is running a major job fair tomorrow in hopes of attracting more applicants for teaching jobs

NEWS 4 July 23 – Fairfax County School Board voted last night to edit out part of a family living video shown to 5th graders showing details on male development

NEWS 4 July 27 – report on area school systems' teacher recruitment efforts

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

August 1, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Kristi King, and Adrienne Washington discuss content standards of the Maryland state Board of Education and Virginia public schools improvement on state achievement tests.

NEWS 4 August 2 – news report on year-round school in Falls Church, VA

NEWS 4 August 6, 14, 15 16 – coverage of the return of 2000 students go back to Columbine HS

NEWS 4 August 10 – students will return to Columbine High school, marking the first time classes will be held at the school since the April 20th shootings

NEWS 4 August 10 - Education Department's annual report on school safety says fewer students are being put out of school for carrying weapons

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

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REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

August 15, 1999 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Kristi King, and Adrienne Washington discuss the turned down parent appeal to have a novel dealing with a seventeen year old boy's struggle with adolescence removed from an elementary school library in Fairfax county.

NEWS 4 August 16 - PG County schools are soliciting non-African American applicants for three of its countywide Magnet school programs

NEWS 4 August 16 - PG County school officials say they are close to filling all of the systems teaching vacancies

NEWS 4 August 16 – the Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles reopened again today, one week after a shooting rampage that wounded 3 kids and 2 adults

NEWS 4 August 17 – Mayor Williams pledges to help build the University of DC into a recognized and respected school

NEWS 4 August 17 – a publication by the American Federation of Teachers says that taking advanced classes in high school can help students do better in college and to getting better jobs right out of high school

NEWS 4 August 18 – Fairfax County school superintendent says it won't be long before some students spend five years to get their HS diploma

NEWS 4 August 19 – new report finds schools are overflowing with students, with no end in sight

NEWS 4 August 24 – the Greater Washington Urban League's technology resource center will close the gap between those who have access to computer technology and those who don't

NEWS 4 August 24 – Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend addressed the Maryland State Board of Education, unveiling new steps to promote school safety

NEWS 4 August 24 – poll shows that most parents would rather send their kids to public schools

NEWS 4 August 25 – Anne Arundel county officials conducted a drill exercise to help prepare for tragedies like Columbine

NEWS 4 August 25 – school rally held at the MCI center for DC School officials

NEWS 4 August 25 - more than 800 new teachers are being welcomed in Montgomery County

NEWS 4 August 26 – report on DC schools construction, they will be ready when school starts in four days

NEWS 4 August 26 – report on shortage on school bus drivers

NEWS 4 August 26 - college students are now buying their textbooks online

NEWS 4 August 26 – PG County's new superintendent has hands full getting ready for the first day of school

NEWS 4 August 31, September 6, 7, 8 – Detroit teachers on strike, first day of school cancelled; teachers told to return to school while they vote on a new contract

NEWS 4 September 1- news coverage of first day of school in Montgomery County

NEWS 4 September 1 – report on the new Hebrew Academy

NEWS 4 September 2 – parents speak out after DC public schools left some special needs students without a ride to school on Monday

NEWS 4 September 6 – news coverage of North Virginia's school renovations

NEWS 4 September 6 – 10 year old boy is starting college near Richmond, VA

NEWS 4 September 6, 7 – President Clinton visited schools to talk about education and the tax cut

NEWS 4 September 8 – news coverage of rain forest school speaker from Peru

NEWS 4 September 10 – a federal judge has ordered Charlotte, NC, school district to stop using race as a factor in all its programs

NEWS 4 September 15, 16 – report on Hurricane Floyd school closings

NEWS 4 September 23 – news coverage on the high DC school drop out rate

VIII. TRANSPORTATION

NEWS 4 July 1- cable car plunged to the ground today in the French Alps, killing 20 people

NEWS 4 July 2- Lightning struck a FAA radar facility in New Hampshire, forcing airports in five states to shut down

NEWS 4 July 3- report on Operation Stealth- Maryland State Police are cracking down on speeders

NEWS 4 July 5 – report on traffic trouble on 95 North- a truck hauling beach solution is leaking

NEWS 4 July 7- news coverage of tour bus accident on I-66

NEWS 4 July 16- due to Red air alert, tomorrow most metro bus passengers ride free

NEWS 4 July 16 – report on collision between a freight train and a SUV in Prince William County

NEWS 4 July 20 – outer loop of Wilson bridge is shut down while 150 gallons of diesel fuel which has leaked from a tractor trailer is cleaned up

NEWS 4 July 21 – Metro may extend the hours of train service until 2 AM on Saturday and Sunday

MIXING BOWL

NEWS 4 July 25, 26, 27, 28, – shuttle bus service went into effect to help ease some of the mixing bowl's construction congestion; new, free parking available for people who want to take the blue Metro line to work to avoid construction congestion at the mixing bowl. Congestion is shaping up as a key campaign issue. Governor Gilmore fielded calls from democratic lawmakers who wanted to talk about the gridlock during his call-in show.

NEWS 4 July 26 - plane made emergency landing during rush hour in Route 123 safely

NEWS 4 July 28 – Governor Gilmore's Blue Ribbon Commission had its second meeting in Richmond; the Governor has spent much of last week answering complaints about the transportation gridlock in northern VA

NEWS 4 August 2- death toll is reported at 190 in train wreck in India

NEWS 4 August 3- Virginia Democrats reintroduced today the regional transportation act

NEWS 4 August 3 – Dulles Greenway Toll Road amount will increase for drivers who don't have a smart tag by 25 cents; 50 cents for vehicles with more than two axles

NEWS 4 August 6 – Federal Highway Administration will propose new limits on number of hours truck drivers drive each day

NEWS 4 August 9 – Governor Gilmore will meet with group of Northern Virginia lawmakers to discuss gridlock and what to do about it.

NEWS 4 August 11 – BWI Airport shuttle bus caught fire yesterday, burning 11 cars parked in the long-term parking lot

NEWS 4 August 11 – tractor trailer overturned and spilled its contents on the inner loop near Temple Hills

NEWS 4 August 12 – FAA addresses flight delays, taking three major steps to cut delays

NEWS 4 August 16 – tractor-trailer driver lost control and slammed into a tree, spilling hundreds of cans of Miller Lite Beer along the Beltway

NEWS 4 August 17 – the DMV office on K Street is open again after closing yesterday due to plumbing problems

NEWS 4 August 17 – American Airlines and United Airlines sent letters to their frequent fliers apologizing for flight delays and cancellations

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK

August 22, 1999 - Guests: Jerry Phillips, Kristi King, and Jonetta Barras discuss Governor James Gilmore III's major spending package to ease traffic problems in northern Virginia and around the state.

NEWS 4 August 23 – northern Virginia Democrats reintroduced the Regional Transportation Act

NEWS 4 August 25 – news coverage of deadly Amtrak collision with a pickup truck

NEWS 4 August 27 – news coverage of a PG County schools staff convention at the US Air Arena

NEWS 4 August 27 – report on flight delays at O'Hare Airport in Chicago after a man ran through a security checkpoint

NEWS 4 August 27 – rescue workers in Virginia found the bodies of four people who were on a small plane that crashed last Wednesday

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK

August 29, 1999 - Guests: Jerry Phillips, Kristi King, and Jonetta Barras discuss the Redskins' proposal to open local roads and the neighbors fear traffic tie-ups

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NEWS 4 August 30 – news coverage of the beginning of the school year for PG County and for the District; and new security system for Montgomery County schools

NEWS 4 August 31 – parents in Fairfax County can call a number and check to see if their child has homework

NEWS 4 August 31 – national results for the latest SAT exams are out; average math score is down

NEWS 4 August 31 – Governor Gilmore has unveiled a new plan to help ease traffic in Northern Virginia

NEWS 4 September 1 - news coverage of deadly plane crash in downtown Buenos Aires, Argentina

NEWS 4 September 2, 17 – two new stations are opening on Metro's Green Line in the District

NEWS 4 September 9 – AAA says PG County is home to the three most dangerous intersections in Maryland

NEWS 4 September 10 – officials are installing more cameras at intersections throughout DC

NEWS 4 September 13, 14 – closed door meeting was held today to discuss traffic nightmare at the Redskins game in Sunday

NEWS 4 September 13 – Metro has a new way to help people get around; it's called the Ride Guide

NEWS 4 September 14, 15, 16, 17 – news coverage of flight cancellations, train service disruption, and airport closings due to Hurricane Floyd

NEWS 4 September 18 – Amtrak is back on track tonight with service between Washington and Boston

NEWS 4 September 20 - I-95 has been reopened between Petersburg, VA, and the North Carolina line

NEWS 4 September 21, 22, 23 – coverage of Governor Glendening's decision not to approve the Inter-County Connector proposal, local reaction to decision, and talk of bringing the project back

NEWS 4 September 21 – report on decision not to recommend seat belts in school buses

NEWS 4 September 23 – Metro's Board of Supervisors voted this morning to keep the stations open later and trains running longer on weekends

NEWS 4 September 23 – study of highway data concluded that some of the nation's most ambitious roadwork projects will not save drivers any real travel time when completed

NEWS 4 September 24 – news coverage of Metro delays due to system shutdown caused by the computer that monitors all trains- it stopped working

NEWS 4 September 29 – things are back to normal in the Beltway after an accident involving a jackknifed tractor-trailer